Acquition of land in cantonment

3126. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the archaic provisions of Governor General's order number 179 dated the 12th September, 1836 are still in vogue and the compensation according to this out of date, ancient and unjust law is paid to those living in Cantonment areas of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the compensation so assessed is so ridiculously low that large bungalows with large campuses are acquired for a few hundred rupees;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce any law in this regard which would be just and proper;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether the aforesaid provision been challenged in any court of law and if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) The GGO No. 179 dated 12th September, 1836 is still in vogue for resuming bungalows held on old grant terms in Cantonments. As per these terms the Government is the owner of the land and the structures standing thereon only belong to the occupancy holders. The GGO, therefore, provides for payment for compensation only in respect of authorised structures existing on the land at the time of resumption. No payment is paid for land as it belongs to the Government.

The compensation payable is, therefore, dependent on the condition of the buildings. The compensation is assessed on the basis of norms laid down for this purpose.

The Government is examining the procedure relating to payment of compensation for authorised structures in order to provide an opportunity to the resumptee owners to represent his case on the quantum of compensation payable before issue of resumption notice. The present procedure which provides for arbitration after the compensation is assessed does not provide for any such opportunity prior to issuing resumption notice.

The GGO No. 179 of 1836 has been challenged in a number of court cases filed against resumption of property. Most of the High Courts have held it to be valid.

Appointment of joint secretaries

3127. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the date when the letter issued by the Government of India inviting a list for nominations for the posts of Joint Secretary at the Centre from amongst the officers of State Cadres for the current year;

(b) whether any letter has been issued in regard to Central Services Officers?

(c) what are the eligibility conditions for Central Services Officers for appointment as Joint Secretaries; and

(d) whether there is any difference in the eligibility condition for the officers in the State Cadres and those of Central Services, if so, what is the difference and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) 31st December, 1987.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A minimum length of 17 years of service is necessary for consideration for empanelment as Joint Secretary in respect of officers belonging to All India/Central Organised Group 'A' Services. However, pay scales are also taken into account for determining the eligibility of Group 'A' Central Services Officers, with the object of keeping

the size of the panels within a reasonable limit.

Representation from Co-ordination Committee

3128 SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any letter dated 30th November, 1987 from Co-ordination Committee of the Central Govt. Canteen Employees' Union, West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir, under reference C.C (Cant)|101|87(MC) dated 30th November, 1987.

(b) In the letter ibid the General Secretary of the Coordination Committee has reported that canteen employees engaged in Regional Meteorological Centre, Calcutta, are not being paid prescribed wages and has sought intervention by the office of the Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. On enquiry from the Regional Meteorological Centre, Calcutta, it has transpired that the catering arrangements in that office are informal and the canteen is being run by the officers and staff of the Centre on "No Profit. No Loss" basis. Since provisions are available for sitting up of a suitable canteen Tiffin Room on Departmental basis and obtain grants-in-aid from the Govt. for purchase of equipments, crockery, furniture etc. and subsidies for payment of wages to canteen|tiffin room staff, the Regional Meteorological Centre has been advised to open a departmental canteen|tiffin room and follow the prescribed administrative orders on various issues.

Programme for Welfare of Rural Women

3129. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested to undertake any programme for the welfare of rural women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds earmarked to implement the programme during Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The Seventh Five Year Plan provides considerable emphasis on the welfare of women, throught an integrated multidisciplinary aproach involving various sectors of development. Those cover employment, education, health, Nutrition, application of science and technology and other related aspects of areas of interest to women.

Steps have been taken to extend facilities to enable women to participate actively in the employment generating activities. Thesse include: fixing of certain percentages for women beneficiaries in programmes like IRDP, TRYSEM and some animal husbandry schemes; availability of credit facilities through Women Development Corporations and other financial institutions and imparting technical and vocational training etc. Some income generating schemes such as "Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas", "Support to Training and Employment Programme", "Socio-Economic Programme for Women" and "Grant to Voluntary Organisations for Action Oriented and Income Generating Schemes" are